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SUBJECT: OIL EMBARGO AGAINST NETHERLANDS

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1. U.K. AMBASSADOR ROTHNIE HELD CONVERSATION JUNE 8 ON
SUBJECT OF OIL EMBARGO AGAINST NETHERLANDS WITH MINISTER
OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OMAR SAQQAF BEFORE HIS
DEPARTURE FOR DAMASCUS. SAYYID OMAR CONFIRMED SAUDI POLICY
WAS FIRMLY TO CONTINUE EMBARGO UNTIL THE HAGUE TOOK
PUBLIC, FRIENDLY STANCE ON ISSUE OF WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL
OCCUPIED LANDS. HE SAID THAT ISRAELI CLAIMS THAT U.S. WAS
TRYING TO PREVENT EUROPEAN-ARAB CONFERENCE BY INFLUENCING
SAUDIS TO CONTINUE EMBARGO WAS PROPAGANDA. SAUDI ARABIA
WAS UNWILLING TO LIFT EMBARGO ON HOLLAND WITHOUT
FURTHER FRIENDLY STATEMENT, BUT THIS NEED NOT PREVENT
EC-ARAB TALKS. IN FACT, EUROPEAN INTEREST IN SAUDI ARABIA
AND THE ARAB WORLD AND ARAB TIES WITH EUROPE WOULD MAKE SUCH
TALKS VERY USEFUL EVEN THOUGH THERE MIGHT BE SOME STATES
MISSING ON BOTH SIDES, I.E., SOME OF THE RADICAL ARAB STATES
MIGHT NOT JOIN, AND HOLLAND MIGHT NOT BE WILLING TO JOIN
ON THE EUROPEAN SIDE.

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